

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 17, lines 11-14 of the Substitute Specification filed July 16, 2008 as follows:

Diabetic maculopathy according to conventional findings is a gradually worsening disease that is considered difficult ~~to treat~~ to treat. In contrast, the results of the present examples indicate that SNK-860 is effective for diabetic maculopathy. With respect to safety, no particularly problematic side effects were recognized.